

Satellite Committee

Services Division

(Meeting of 12 December 1956)

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[REDACTED], S/COM, discussed telecommunications facilities in each of the European Satellites. He stated that wire facilities provides the basic means of communications, with radio principally being used for domestic broadcasting.

The basic communications systems of East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland (West of Warsaw) are well developed; facilities in the remaining countries scarcely meet current domestic needs.

The plans of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland all provide for expansion of interurban telephone circuit capacity. This increased capacity is to be provided by microwave radio relay facilities and coaxial cables; these may also be used for network television purposes.

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On 19 December, [REDACTED], S/TF, will discuss the role of the Satellites in the expansion of trade with underdeveloped countries. the meeting will be in 1125 M at 1:30.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 9 January.

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